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SUBJECT: KAUNDA, KHAMA COMMENT ON OAU SUMMIT DEADLOCK

SUMMARY: PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND KHAMA RETURNED LUSAKA JAN 12
BUT DEPARTED NEXT DAY FOR DAR TO CONFER WITH NYERERE AND MACHEL.
TWO EXPRESSED HOPE WORKABLE SOLUTION CAN STILL BE FOUND TO ANGOLAN
PROBLEM BASED ON WITHDRAWAL ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND
ESTABLISHMENT GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND KHAMA RETURNED TO LUSAKA MONDAY NIGHT
FROM ADDIS ABABA. ADDRESSING AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE TWO
LEADERS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ALTHOUGH OAU IS DEADLOCKED OVER
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ANGOLA, WORKABLE SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND TO CRISIS. KAUNDAN

SAID HE EXPECTS ACTIVITY AMONG AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS AND MONTHS IN QUEST FOR SOLUTION. ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT SOLUTION MAY BE LONG TIME IN COMING AND MUST BE TACKLED WITH PATIENCE BECAUSE OF DIFFERING IDEOLOGIES, CONVICTIONS, AND POINTS OF VIEW. PROBLEM WILL NOT BE EASILY SOLUBLE, KAUNDA ADMITTED, "OAU HAS TAKEN CONSIDERABLE KNOCK OVER THE ANGOLAN ISSUE THAT IT WILL TAKE A NUMBER OF YEARS TO RECOVER." HOWEVER, HOPED ISSUE WOULD NOT HAVE TO GO TO UN BUT COULD BE KEPT IN AFRICAN CONTEXT. TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION, NOT JUST SOUTH AFRICAN. ALSO CONTENTED THAT RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA BY OAU WOULD NOT SOLVE PROBLEM BUT WOULD ONLY ENSURE THAT WAR CONTINUED.

2. AFTER CONFERRING TOGETHER ON TUESDAY, TWO PRESIDENTS LEFT LUSAKA FOR DAR TO CONSULT WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE. DAILY MAIL ADDS THAT SAMORA MACHEL WILL ALSO BE PRESENT. PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT,

LEFT TWO HOURS LATER THAN APPOINTED HOUR, WITH KAUNDA REPORTEDLY JOKING THAT IN LONDON AIRCRAFT DEPARTURES WERE DELAYED BY FOG BUT IN ZAMBIA DELAYS ARE CAUSED BY ANGOLA.

3. ZAMBIAN PRESS COMMENTED ON SUMMIT STALEMATE ON JAN 13. PARTY-CONTROLLED TIMES OF ZAMBIA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT OAU HAD "CRACKED IN THE MIDDLE" OVER ANGOLA BUT HOPED THAT FROM SUMMIT SESSION IT IS NOW CLEAR OAU IS RELEVANT TO ANGOLA ONLY IN TERMS OF NEED TO END THE WAR, THAT NO SELECT GROUP WITHIN OAU CAN TEAM UP WITH ONE ANGOLAN LEADER TO LEGITIMIZE ACTION TO USURP SOVEREIGNTY OVER ANGOLA, THAT SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, WHILE DETESTABLE, CANNOT BE USED TO SAVE FACE FOR "FALSE STANDS" ON ANGOLAN FRATRICIDE, AND THAT NO FOREIGN INTERVENTION CAN SERVE AS CATALYST TO END FIGHTING. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL COMMENTED, THAT IN REFUSING TO CALL UPON ALL THREE ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS TO FORM GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY, 22 OAU MEMBERS BACKING MPLA HAVE IN EFFECT VOTED FOR CONTINUED SOVIET, CUBAN, AND SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. MAIL ESPECIALLY CRITICAL OF CUBAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CARLOS RAFAEL RDRIQUEZ FOR STATING "WITH ROGUISH IMPUNITY" THAT CUBA WOULD CONTINUE SEND TROOPS TO ANGOLA WHATEVER OAU MAY DECIDE. PAPER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SANITY WOULD STILL PREVAIL AND THAT THOSE OTHER 22 AFRICAN STATES

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SEEKING GIVE ANGOLANS OPPORTUNITY CHOOSE THEIR OWN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP RATHER THAN HAVE IT IMPOSED BY OUTSIDERS OR BY OAU WILL EVENTUALLY SUCCEED.

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